THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The report of the Export Group covers other enterprises besides BOGL and is under consideration of the Government for a consolidated decision.

Grant of Autonomy to PSUs

3132. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings granted autonomy status as on date;

(b) whether some of these PSUs had the problem of cost and time over runs in implementation of the projects under them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these projects were sanctioned before autonomy was granted to these PSUs; and

(e) if so, the present status of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) All public sector enterprises have the required autonomy as on date to take commercial decisions within specified parameters and to duly implement projects as scheduled. Grant of autonomy is progressive and continuous. Project implementation is not impaired by lack of autonomy. There have been instances of time and cost overruns in implementing projects. Such details in respect of projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores is available in Section-II of chapter 2 of Public Enterprises Survey 1998-99, Vol. I, which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 2000.

Planning to Digitise Doordarshan Transmission

3133. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is planning to digitize its transmission;